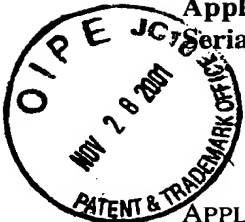


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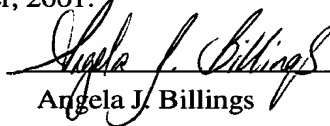
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the August 6, 2001 (6.8.2001) NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 6, 2001. Please charge any additional fees that may required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, Reference No. VPI/00-114. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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